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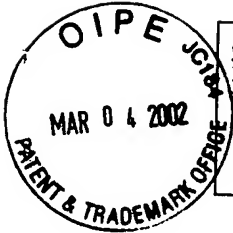
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

Prior to the first Office Action, please amend the above-referenced application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

On page 1, paragraph 1:

Embodiments of the present invention claim priority from a U.S. Provisional Applications entitled "Sterile Device and Method for Producing Same," Serial No. 60/335,978, filed October 23, 2001, and Serial No. 60/335,638, filed October 24, 2001, the contents of which are incorporated by reference herein.

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